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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: Darrell A. Gauthier
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For: **PERFORATED CAPSULE FILTER**

Art Unit: 1731
Examiner: Lyles-Irving, Carmen

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 mailed July 27, 2005. Applicant believes that no fees are due with this reply; however, if any fees are deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 09-0528.

Remarks

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. The Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, requires restriction to one of two groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. 121, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-25, drawn to a cigarette filter, classified in class 131, subclass 331.
- II. Claims 26-31, drawn to a method of manufacturing a filter, classified in class 493, subclass 39.

The Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-25), and cancels without prejudice claims 26-31.